

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Frederic FORTIN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/524,174)	Examiner: Fisher, Elana Beth
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Filed: March 3, 2006)	
)	Confirmation No.: 2469
For: DISTRACTION AND DAMPING)	
SYSTEM WHICH CAN BE)	
ADJUSTED AS THE VERTICAL)	
COLUMN GROWS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets and new drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed herein.

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include two Replacement Sheets for Figs. 1-2B of the Drawings and seven New Sheets including Figs. 3-11 to be added to the Drawings.